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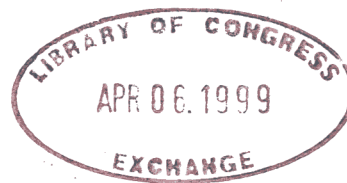


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## INTRODUCTION

This new edition of "Statistics of Education – Schools in England" describes school data for the academic year 1997/98. Its value is as the main source of education statistics for England as a whole, allowing comparisons to be made over time.

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## SUMMARY OF MAIN ENGLAND STATISTICS

### Pupils

In January 1998 there were 8.26 million pupils in 26,194 maintained and independent schools in England.

91.8% of pupils were taught in maintained nursery, primary and secondary schools (including 9% in GM schools) & 7% of pupils attended independent schools and 1% went to maintained and non-maintained special schools.

242,000 pupils had statements of special educational needs of which 38% attended maintained and non-maintained special schools.

### Teachers

Local Education Authorities and Grant-maintained schools employed 369,000 full-time equivalent teachers for service in maintained nursery, primary and secondary schools.

### Pupil/Teacher Ratios

The overall pupil/teacher ratio (including all teachers employed by LEAs and GM schools) in maintained

nursery, primary and secondary schools was 18.9 in January 1998.

The pupil/teacher ratio within primary schools in January 1998 was 23.7 whilst that in maintained secondary schools was 16.9. These compare to 22.0 and 15.4, respectively, in 1988.

Pupil/teacher ratios in independent and special schools were 10.2 and 6.5 respectively, in January 1998.

### Class Sizes

The average size of classes taught by one teacher in maintained primary and secondary schools were 27.7 and 21.7 respectively in January 1998. These compare with 26.6 in primary and 21.2 for secondary in 1993.

In secondary schools in January 1998 the average size of one teacher classes for pupils mainly under 16 was 23.6 whilst the average size of one teacher classes for pupils mainly over 16 was 10.7.

In January 1998, 7% of one teacher classes in secondary schools and 29% of one teacher classes in primary schools had more than 30 pupils.

### Under 5s

Over 720,000 pupils below statutory school age were in maintained nursery and primary schools in January 1998, just over half of which were in nursery schools or nursery classes in primary schools.

The under 5s participation rate in maintained nursery and primary schools was 57% in January 1998 compared to 45% in January 1988.

### Non-teaching Staff

There were 124,632 full-time equivalent education support and admin/clerical staff in maintained nursery, primary and secondary schools and a further 19,212 full-time equivalent in special schools and pupil referral units.